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Melk.

1. On 29 October 1951, [] observed that the section of the former Pionier Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) which quartered civilians was separated from the Soviet-occupied section by a high board fence. About 50 vehicles were seen through 20 open doors of the garages of the Soviet-occupied section of the billeting area. Some soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced in the barracks yard with an AT gun mounting a muzzle brake. Six other guns of the same type and 4 trucks were being washed. A group of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets was seen marching out, led by a senior lieutenant who wore black-bordered black epaulets and a violet-bordered cap. The soldiers carried wire reels. Ten other soldiers seen leaving the installation wore black-bordered black epaulets. Two trucks observed there were [] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Personnel observed in the streets of Melk included 13 officers with red-bordered black epaulets, among them 3 lieutenant colonels; 2 women with red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia; and a few soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. (1)

St. Poelten.

2. A total of 34 trucks, 6 jeeps, 3 tank trucks, 2 tank truck trailers, and 6 three-axle amphibious cars were observed in the yards of the barracks installations on the west side of Schiesstattring, St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) on 30 October 1951. The amphibious vehicles stood in a garage south of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne. [] No weapons were observed. A new fence had been constructed around the area west of the former Kreisgericht (district court) which still contained the foundations of previous structures. Construction materiel, including 3 wooden rollers and 1 caterpillar tractor, were parked in the southern portion of the newly fenced area. Sentries guarding the place wore red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles observed at the barracks installations included sedans [] jeep [] small truck [] and trucks [] All of them were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets.
3. Jeep [] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets, was identified at the front of the Soviet komendantura in St. Poelten. Sedan [] occupied by a colonel with black-bordered red epaulets, left the komendantura toward Josefstrasse.

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4. Six officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, including 2 captains, and several enlisted men with red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the troop quarters in the former military hospital at the intersection of Corvinusstrasse and Muehlweg. (3) 50X1-HUM
5. Troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets and trucks [redacted] were seen at Viehofen Castle. No weapons were observed there. (4) 50X1-HUM
6. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] observed a total of about 90 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets in the camp. Trucks observed at the camp [redacted] All of them were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. (5) 50X1-HUM
7. [redacted] observed no movements at the military fuel dump in Obergrafendorf (O 49/W 77). 50X1-HUM

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- (1) The information confirms the 233d Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in Melk. [redacted]

- (3) [redacted] no indications as to the use of the former military hospital. 50X1-HUM
- (4) [redacted] a Soviet ammunition dump is located in Viehofen Castle. 50X1-HUM
- (5) The components of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Camp Spratzern apparently returned to the camp prior to 24 October 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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